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SUBJ: ENERGY: TENTATIVE DUTCH THINKING ON ENERGY

COORDINATING GROUP

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF STATE 32421 MFA (VAN SCHAIK) REHEARSED WITH ECON/COML COUNSELORS FEB 28 SOME HIGHLY TENTATIVE MFA THINKING ON PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF COORDINATING GROUP CALLED FOR IN WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT VIEWS HE EXPRESSED ARE NOT YET FIRM MFA POLICY AND HAVE NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH OTHER GON AGENCIES.

2. ON QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION VAN SCHAIK EXPRESSED GON UNDERSTANDING THAT UNDER SECRETARIES DONALDSON AND SIMON WOULD BE US PARTICIPANTS. IF SO, LOGICAL DUTCH DELEGATES WOULD BE MFA DIRGEN ITALIANER AND MINECON DIRGEN WANSINK. HE PRESUMED THAT MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE LIMITED, AT LEAST IN FIRST MEETING, CONFIDENTIAL
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TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, HOPEFULLY INCLUDING VAN LENNEP. HE SAID THAT IF LDC REPS ARE TO BE BROUGHT IN

AT LATER STAGE, GON IS INCLINED TO RECOMMEND THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION BE INVITED AND COORDINATED THROUGH UNCTAD SYG.

3. VAN SCHAİK SAID HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES FEEL THAT WHILE CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD PROBABLY BE ROTATED, FIRST CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE FROM NEITHER USG NOR GON BECAUSE BOTH ARE STILL UNDER OAPEC BOYCOTT AND OTHERS SHOULD BE SEEN TO BE SHARING US INITIATIVE. HE THOUGHT FRG(HERMES OR ROHWEDDER), EC (WELLENSTEIN OR SOAMES) OR PERHAPS EVEN VAN LENNEP (US US COULD AGREE) WOULD BE LOGICAL CHOICES.

4. RE LOCALE, MFA HAS OPEN MIND BUT SEES SOME MERIT IN CHATEU DE LA MUETTE. IT IS GEOGRAPHICALLY CONVENIENT TO MOST DELEGATIONS AND HAS SECRETARIAT FACILITIES. HAVING GROUP IN PARIS MIGHT EASE EVENTUAL FRENCH PARTICIPATION.

5. VAN SCHAİK MADE IT CLEAR THAT GON IS LOOKING TO WASHINGTON FOR LEADERSHIP ON ABOVE POINTS AND THAT EVENTUAL DUTCH POSITIONS WILL BE INFLUENCED BY US DESIRES.
TANGUY

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